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Smokejumper Obituary

Maggio, Joel Louis "Joey" (Redding 2009)

Joey, 35, died June 2, 2017, while working a tree service job in Willow Creek, CA. He was born October 22, 1981, in Arcata, CA. He was an avid wrestler in high school earning many awards and championships. Joey joined the Army in 2000, spent two years in Germany and was with the 4th Infantry during the invasion of Iraq where he served until his discharge in 2005.

Joey stated fighting wildland fires on crews in Northern California and was a member of the Zig Zag Hotshots in Oregon before his rookie year at Redding in 2009. He jumped seven seasons and had 129 jumps during his smokejumper career.

In late 2016 Joey started his own business, Maggio Tree Service in Redding.

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